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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY,  
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1. This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for July 02, 2003. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

POLITICAL, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS

2. Milliyet, Hurriyet, Radikal, / Regional officials say Mardin should be in the World Heritage List for year 2004. Mardin Governor had withdrawn Mardin's application for the World Heritage List due to some unplanned building sites around historical buildings. (Editor's Comment: As these buildings change the historical look of the city they may affect the presence of Mardin in the list). Abdulkadir Tutasi, the Mayor of Mardin, announced that they are planning to remove the apartments around the historical houses by 2004.

3. Milliyet, Turkiye, Bolge, Hurriyet, Milli Gazete / Adana attorney Mehmet Sayis was killed in front of his house. One of his clients had been threatening him for some time. Although the police were informed about the threats he wasn't given any guards for protection.

4. Turkiye, Hurriyet, Bolge, Tercuman / US Ambassador Robert Pearson visited the Governor of Adana. When asked about Turkey's role in Northern Iraq, he responded, "it's still being discussed and Mr. Gul's visit to the US will clarify things."

5. Evrensel, / A man in Diyarbakir claimed that he was beaten badly by the police in the middle of the road in Diyarbakir. The man made an official application to the Diyarbakir Human Rights Organization. HRO plans to sue the police.  
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